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In the news today:

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IS THERE A SUNSPOT IN THE OFFING?

Astronomers are watching the edge of the sun, waiting for the emergence of an active region. CMEs are huge bubbles of gas threaded with magnetic field lines that are ejected from the sun.

TIME RUNNING OUT TO NOMINATE FOR THE NSN RADIO AMATEUR  
OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The closing date for nominations for the Nokia Siemens Radio Amateur of the Year is next week. There are three categories of awards annually sponsored by Nokia Siemens Networks. They are:

**GARTH MILNE TECHNICAL INNOVATION AWARD** The award is made for the support, development and application of technological innovation in amateur radio in South Africa. The recipient will be a person who has promoted the use of technology in amateur radio at club level, nationally, at schools or tertiary educational institutions.

**NSN RADIO AMATEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD** The award is made for the support and development of the amateur radio service in South Africa, not for individual achievements such as DXCC and other operational awards or contests. The recipient will be a person who has given of his or her expertise and time to the promotion of amateur radio in South Africa.

NSN AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD Annually, the South African Amateur Radio Development Trust is recognising a radio amateur or a group of radio amateurs for service to the community. Community service can be assistance to a disabled radio amateur, communications support during a sporting event or a disaster situation like a road accident or a natural disaster like a flood, veld fires or an earthquake. Nominations are invited for an individual or a group of people like a radio club, or an association. The nomination form is available on [www.amateurradio.org.za](http://www.amateurradio.org.za)

#### STILL NO 40 METRE BAND EXPANSION

During the week the SARL was informed that the draft document was returned to the legal department.

#### JOIN NOW AND GET MAY AND JUNE FREE

Non-members are invited to join now, pay the discounted 2009/2010 fee of R320 and get May and June free.

#### SPECIAL EVENT STATION ZS6SCI

A Special Event Station, with call sign ZS6SCI, will be active daily from 09:00 to 14:00 CAT. There is a special limited edition QSL card that will be sent out to each confirmed contact.

#### CONTEST NEWS

The ZS4 Sprint, a phone and CW activity, will be on the air on Sunday 24 May from 16:00 to 18:00 CAT.

The SARL Youth Sprint will be run on Tuesday 16 June. Start making your arrangements now for the contest.

The contest committee has released the results of the SARL Hamnet contest held on Sunday 1 May 2009.

Single operator, stationary mobile: Geoffery, ZS6GRL, 555 points.

Single operator, portable: Jan, ZS1VDV, 2 304 points. John, ZR6HLT, 558 points. Tienie, ZS6MHH, 408 points.

Single operator, base station: Al, ZS2U, 1 974 points. Jan, ZS4JAN, 1 800 points. Colette, ZR2CR, 1 722 points [now ZS2CR]. Philip, ZU4PE, 1 176 points. Theunis, ZS2EC, 878 points. Martin, ZS4ISH, 768 points. Pieter, ZS3AOR, 648 points.

Thank you to everybody who participated and congratulations to the winners.

#### CLUB NEWS

The East Rand Branch meeting will be held from 14:00 CAT on 16 May 2009 at the clubhouse in East Rand.

The next ZS6PTA Mega Flea Market will be held on Saturday 30 May, starting at 08:00 CAT, at the club.

#### PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the expected solar activity will be very low. The geomagnetic conditions are expected to be quiet. The imminent change of season with less energy from the sun reaching the southern ionosphere. Local conditions are going to be good on 40 m during the day time. 80 m may perform well during the night. Remember that this is only a prediction and that HF has the capability to pleasantly surprise.

Please visit [www.spaceweather.co.za](http://www.spaceweather.co.za) for further information.

#### DIARY OF EVENTS

15 May Closing date for SARDT award nominations; 16 May East Rand branch meeting; 18 to 22 May Special Event Station ZS6SCI, Sci Bono, on the air; 20 May Radio Amateur Exam; 24 May ZS4 Sprint; 26 May Sandton ARC technical meeting at the NARC; 30 May Pretoria Mega Flea Market and RTA in Kwazulu-Natal.

SARL News invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs a

The SARL also invites you to listen to the Amateur Radio Mirror International programme ever

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